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DAN RATHER: Kevin Mulcahy, a former CIA analyst who was to have been a witness against alleged CIA renegade Edwin Wilson, was found dead today in Virginia. He was the second potential witness against Wilson to die this year.

More on this story from Robert Shackne.

ROBERT SHACKNE: Justice Department officials say 39 year old Kevin Mulcahy appears to have died of natural causes, and possibly the effects of alcohol. First reports from police who found his body in a Shenendoah mountain cabin say there are no signs of foul play, no signs of injury.

But the FBI, agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and federal prosecutors are conducting an investigation, because Mulcahy had been a major witness in the case against former CIA officer Edwin Wilson, who's charged with aiding Libyan terrorists.

Mulcahy's father said he last saw his son two weeks ago, that his son seemed depressed. He said his son had been staying with friends in the mountains and that he was told authorities do not yet know the cause of his death. An autopsy is scheduled for tomorrow.

Mulcahy is a former CIA employee who later went to work for Wilson. And he went to authorities six years ago to charge Wilson with illegal Libyan activities. Mulcahy claimed that senior CIA officials initially ignored his charges and that two of them, who've since retired, were involved with Wilson's illegal Libyan activities.

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